

BOKEELIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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APRIL 2008 **NEWSLETTER**

MAY 12TH Meeting

The Bokeelia Civic Association will hold their May meeting on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tropic Isle Resort, 151 Stringfellow Road (just north of the mile marker #14).

MAY SPEAKER

Our speakers will be Mr. Jim Lavender, Lee County Public Works Director, who will discuss the Bokeelia Boat Ramp and other items of interest to Bokeelia residents.

APRIL SPEAKERS

Lt. Eric Smith, Lee County Sheriff – Discussed the drug arrests that were on the news that night. Most of the perpetrators were from a duplex on Tipton Drive. They had been stealing from cars, sheds, carports, etc. Eleven are in jail now as a result of 45-50 days of surveillance. Some offenders broke into a Cape Coral police car and stole a jacket and badge. They were planning to do some house invasions. *(There were additional arrests the next day.)*

Bill Thacher, General Manager, GPIWA – discussed finances of the water company and talked about fire hydrants. 14 areas have been identified as being in need of hydrants and larger water lines (from 3 inch to 8-10 inch pipes). The greatest weight was given to those areas with the largest number of people who needed service. The worst areas are Charlotte Shores and Matlacha Isles. In order to put in hydrants the pipes must be 6” or better. The ones identified have pipes small than 6”. The MPIFCD Board is donating \$20,000 and the GPIWA is donating \$20,000 for the hydrant costs. It costs \$5,000 to put in a hydrant. The priority is two projects in St. James, Sanibel and 7th & 8th Aves. After than the next is Charlotte Shores (only has a 4” line) and Matlacha Isles, then Pine Island Shores, the Center and the Fruit Streets. Bill said that if any association, group of homes, homeowner associations, etc., wants to pay for their own hydrants with their own money the association will be glad to work out special assessments and put the lines in. They should contact the GPIWA.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

The Bokeelia Civic Association is in need of a Program Chairman, as well as a Historian and Publicity Chairman. If you would like to be an active participant and can fill any of these positions please contact Marilyn at 283-1967 or bokeeliacivicassn@comcast.net. We really need your assistance and value your input.

FUTURE SURVEY – The BCA plans to conduct an electronic survey of Bokeelia residents to determine their degree of support for a handful of issues faced in the Greater Pine Island area. The results will allow the association to take a more definitive public position on these issues. Please visit the website above to respond.

BOKEELIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2008 – Dues will be collected at the next meeting or at the address above. Annual dues are \$15 per person per year or \$25 per couple per year. Dues are due on April 1 for the year and are paid until March 31 of each year. We need your support and your involvement.

UPDATES

STATION THREE –. Lodge Construction has stated that Station Three should be completed by August. It is anticipated that the Grand Opening of Station Three will be held the last weekend in October. Residents, business owners and restaurants are encouraged to participate in this island-wide function.

STATION FOUR –At the last Fire Commissioners meeting on April 23rd the Commissioners voted to turn the negotiations for the purchase of the remaining parcels over the attorneys, Russell & Andress.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING – Palms at Pine Island (Treeco Village) Approximately 100 people attended the Special Exception hearing that was held on April 16, 2008 in Hearing Examiners Office. Staff recommendation was for the exception. Details can be found in the last issue of the Eagle. The final decision of the hearing officer should be available in four to six weeks.

VARIANCE APPLICATION – Calusa Cove VAR2007-00032

Hearing was held 4/9/2008 for a variance to the road requirement for paving and maintenance of Aura Drive and it was well attended. The county was in support of 18 ft. wide plus 2 feet for curb (which is the same as Seagull Bay but not the required 24 ft. width). The county wanted the builder, attorney Neil Kalis, to maintain the road in perpetuity. There was much discussion on the maintenance and the hearing officer will make his report and decision some time in May.

BCA WEBSITE

Please visit our website at www.bokeeliaFL.com. If you have something to contribute send it to info@bokeeliaFL.com. This is your community and your Civic Association. Let's spread the word.

MEETING PROTOCOL

Bokeelia Civic Association meetings are open to the public as well as our membership. The BCA Board has agreed to do everything possible to reestablish civility at our meetings. There will be an item on the agenda for Public Comment and there will be a time limit of 3 minutes for these comments. Non-members who wish to address the gathering may request a 15 minute time slot by contacting BCA at the website above.

MANGO MANIA

The Bokeelia Civic Association is looking for volunteers to sell Margaritas at Mango Mania on July 12 and 13th at the German-American Facility. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We are asking for two hours of your time for free admission. We need two people for the following time slots for each day:

Saturday - Setup, 9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00 3:00-5:00

Sunday – 9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, 1:00-3:00, 3:00-5:00, take down

Please call Marilyn at 283-1967 or email availability

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CALENDAR DATES – BCA meeting will be May 12.

MPIFCD Commissioner meeting date will be May 28th.

Mango Mania at German-American facility on July 12th and 13th.

SUMMER

To the snowbirds who have headed north and our natives who will be vacationing there, we wish you safe arrival. We wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Porthouse